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### **Message From The East**



OK, I give up. I surrender. No more proselytizing or cajoling you about volunteering in some capacity to help out the Lodge. Those Brothers who want to help are already doing so. There are lots of volunteer opportunities available, but we'll get by somehow. So you won't hear me asking for your help to join the Phone Committee, or help with the Blood Drive, or join the Stewards Committee, or run the projector during a Lecture, or learn a Charge or other speaking part, or join the Officers Line. So when it comes to volunteering, I'll just shut up. (But if you change your mind and want to help your Lodge, see me or give me a call!)

I am pleased to announce that the donations at Table Lodge and the sale of items from the Master's Project raised over \$700 to be earmarked for our charitable contributions. A special thanks to the Brethren who bought the apparel. Please wear it in good health, knowing a portion of your purchase went to help the worthy agencies and organizations selected to receive a contribution, which will be announced at the Mason of the Year Program in May.

The Bicentennial Program held on February 21st was an incredible experience. Wor.Bro. Chad Simpson, Director of Program Development for the Grand Lodge of Ohio, presented a highly informative and very entertaining program. Our ladies learned more about the "secrets" of Masonry that night than ever before. And the artifacts he brought from the Grand Lodge archives were truly astounding. I was particularly impressed by the 1723 copy of Anderson's Constitution, the basis of modern Freemasonry; the book of minutes from the first Grand Lodge of Ohio, dated 1808; the cornerstone from the original Ohio statehouse in Chillicothe; and the granite stone block from the White House. It was truly a night to remember.

We've had some very interesting programs and meetings over the past few months. Most recently we've been involved in CPR training for members and their families. We've had some fun educational nights, including Masonic Jeopardy, and the Chocolate and Roses Trivia Challenge on Valentine's Day.

Our Table Lodge, featuring Deputy Grand Master, Rt.Wor.Bro. Charles Murphy as speaker, was a great success. And we have some great events coming up, including our annual Inspection on April 17th, our Dinner Dance at Hawthorne Valley Country Club on May 3rd, Mason of the Year on May 15th, our annual Blood Drive on May 20th, the Memorial Day parade and Picnic on May 26<sup>th</sup>, and Past Masters Night on June 19th. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our meetings and these events.

I end this Message with a sense of deep loss for University Heights Lodge, and myself. Bro. Harold Linden, a Charter Member, Treasurer, beloved member of the Lodge, and a friend and mentor to many of us, passed on to the Supreme Architect of the Universe on March 2nd as I was writing this column. Words cannot express the sadness I feel at his passing. To Ruthe, Wor.Bro. Denny, and the entire Linden family, I extend both the Lodge's and my deepest sympathy and condolences. Bro. Harold was truly a Mason's Mason, and that is how I will always remember him.

Jeffrey A. Kaplan, P.M.  
Worshipful Master

### ***Dinner Dance returns to Hawthorne Valley***

Our annual Master and Wardens Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2008, at Hawthorne Valley Country Club. This gala affair is our Lodge's premier social event of the year. Hawthorne Valley offers a beautiful setting with the entire club available for us to enjoy throughout the evening. Fellowship begins at 6:30 p.m. with a choice of delicious hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. The menu features a choice of New York Strip Steak, Apricot Glazed Chicken Breast, and Pecan Crusted Grouper. Concluding the meal will be a fabulous dessert table served on the veranda.

"Storyville", a 5-piece band that plays a wide variety of music, will provide accompaniment during dinner and afterwards for dancing until late into the evening. Stroll around Hawthorne's grounds after dinner and enjoy the sound of the music and have a relaxing and fun time of friendship. The cost is only \$85 a couple - a real value for this exciting event. Dinner and table reservations are a must. Contact Bro. Ed Cerny at 330-487-5726 today.

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**Grand Lodge Scores with Bicentennial**

Wor. Bro. Chad Simpson drove up from Columbus us on a chilly day in February and warmed the brethren and guests with a high quality presentation on the 200-year history of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Wor. Bro. Simpson is a full time employee of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, charged specifically with spearheading the Bicentennial Celebration around the state in 2008. He brought with him some very rare artifacts from the Grand Lodge which were displayed for all to enjoy. Included were an old wooden tax stamp box, maps, aprons and much more.

One particular journal was discussed in his presentation. That journal contained the hand written minutes of the charter meeting of The Grand Lodge of Ohio from 1808. Wor. Bro. Simpson spoke of the handful of lodges that had formed during the settlement of Ohio in the late 1700's and early 1800's. The brethren decided that a Grand Lodge should be formed and, in 1808, each local lodge sent representatives to Chillicothe for the historic meeting. Thus, five years after Ohio became a state in the union, the Grand Lodge of Ohio was born. Although the original building that housed the Grand Lodge was torn down years ago, a 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of that charter meeting was held near the original site this past January.

Wor.Bro. Simpson drove home a message of Masonry that went well beyond the fine artifacts and historical references he brought with him. His presentation was as inspiring as it was educational. It was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Many thanks are due to Wor. Bro. Simpson and the Grand Lodge of Ohio for an excellent evening. And congratulations to Wor. Bro. Kaplan for arranging the evening's festivities

Ron Silverman

**Annual Blood Drive Slated for May 20th**

Continuing a long-standing tradition, the Lyndhurst Masonic Center will hold its annual blood drive on Tuesday, May 20th, 2008. Hosted by University Heights Lodge, the drive runs from 1 PM to 7 PM in the upstairs Lobby. Bro. Marty Mittleman, our blood drive chairman, is hoping for a large turnout. Please encourage your Masonic brethren and family members to donate this year. Donors must be 17 years or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. The Lodge will serve refreshments, and all the pizza you can eat. If you have time before or after the drive, Bro. Mittleman is seeking volunteers to help set up, take down, register donors and serve pizza. He may be reached at (440) 221-6446. Make a difference. Give the precious gift of life.

**Mason of the Year Night**  
**May 15, 2008**

## **Meet Your District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) Charles Cole**

Rt. Wor. Bro. Charles Cole graduated from Rocky River High School in 1964 and served a four-year tour of active duty with the United States Army Security Agency from 1965 to 1969. He was awarded a B.A. in Russian and German from Kent State University in 1972 followed by a Master of Arts Degree in Teaching Foreign Languages in 1988 from the Monterey Institute of International Studies in Monterey, California. Rt. Wor. Bro. Cole then served in various capacities, from Language Instructor to Dean at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey between 1973 until he retired in 2002. He and his wife Vera live in Mayfield Heights.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Cole comes from a Masonic family. His father was raised in 1938 and his mother was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for most of her adult life. He discovered DeMolay with the help of his father and joined Rocky River Chapter in 1963. Rt. Wor. Bro. Cole was invested with the DeMolay Legion of Honor (Active) in 2004 and is a Frank S. Land Fellow, a Life Member of the DeMolay Alumni Association, and a member of Senior DeMolay Mark Master Lodge No. 2.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Cole was raised in Lakewood Lodge in 1970. He is a Past Master of Heights – Lion Heart Lodge and is an officer in Heights Chapter of the Royal Arch and Windermere Council, Royal and Select Masons. He has served as President of Cleveland Chapter of the National Sojourners and the Lyndhurst Masonic Senior Citizens Club. He is also a member of Coeur de Lion Commandery, the Cleveland Memorial Lodge, the Southern California Research Lodge, the Ohio Lodge of Research (Active), Clarence O'Neal Council #53 AMD, the Philalethes Society, and the Scottish Rite Valley of Cleveland. He has completed the Grand Lodge of Ohio Series IV and Series V Masonic education courses and the 2005 Masonic Code Course. In his spare moments, Rt. Wor. Bro. Cole is the editor of the Heights – Lion Heart Lodge bulletin, the Cable Tow.

Please join the officers in making Rt. Wor. Bro. Cole at home in University Heights Lodge.

## **Bicentennial Parade in Columbus**

As part of its Bicentennial Celebration, the Grand Lodge of Ohio will hold a parade in Columbus, Ohio on Saturday, June 21, 2008. An estimated 8,000 to 10,000 Masons are expected to participate. At the end of the route, participants will witness a reenactment of the cornerstone laying ceremony at the State Capitol building. Participants, their families and friends are then invited to retire to the Ohio Historical Society for lunch and fellowship.

The Cuyahoga County Blue Lodge Association is arranging for bus transportation for the day at a cost of \$30.00 per person. This is an exciting opportunity to show Masonic pride, march with our fellow Masons and celebrate 200 years of Masonry in Ohio. Please let Wor. Bro. Kaplan know, by phone, email or in person, of your interest in participating in the parade, and how many bus seats you want to reserve.

## **Hiram Hears**

WOR. BRO. HARRY MARCUS and Rita and WOR. BRO. JAY RAVITZ and Marsha, became great-grandparents and grandparents, respectively, when Kelly Ravitz Reese gave birth to Andrew Harvey Reese in February...BRO. HARVEY CHODOCK and Carolyn proudly announce the birth of their first grandchild. Henry Isaac Chodock, born in February to their children Ted and Tamayo Chodock in Massachusetts...WOR.BRO. ALEX LEV celebrated his 85th birthday and his 61st wedding anniversary to Betty...BRO. EARL STEIN underwent hip surgery in January and is up walking the road to recovery ...BRO. BEN ZIDE has recovered from cataract surgery...Arlene Holmes, wife of BRO. LEN HOLMES, underwent a surgical procedure...BRO. HARRY WITTENBERG is recovering from a fall this winter and is back home...BRO. ART GREENBERG's wife, Debbie, underwent surgery...BRO. GARY ZEID is also recovering from surgery...Lodge Treasurer, BRO. HAROLD LINDEN, a Charter Member and an officer of our Lodge since its inception, passed away in March. 57 of our brethren attended his Masonic service, which was deeply appreciated by his wife, Ruthe, son WOR.BRO. DENNIS LINDEN, and the entire family...Bro. Milton Stern (Forest City Lodge), father of BRO. MICHAEL STERN, passed away in January...Madelyn Loch Dunger, granddaughter of BRO. JON DUNGER and Marlene and daughter of William and Lindsey Dunger, passed away suddenly after an accident in her home. Madelyn was 18 months old...WOR. BRO. STANLEY RUBINSTEIN passed away in Florida... Lauren Burk, granddaughter of BRO. RICHARD BURK and Pat, tragically lost her life as a random victim of crime at Auburn University... BRO. SANFORD NEUGER, husband of Marjorie and brother of BRO. STANLEY NEUGER, passed away...Hiram can only report what he hears...If you have news that would be of interest to your brethren, send an email to [hiram@uhlodge.org](mailto:hiram@uhlodge.org), or call BRO. HARRY ZEID, Sunshine Committee Chairman, at (216) 464-0567, or email him at [floandharry@aol.com](mailto:floandharry@aol.com)...



**56<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Master and Wardens  
Dinner Dance  
May 3, 2008**

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Solon, Ohio**

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## **Meet Your Senior Steward**

My name is Aarne Lillo and I am proud to be serving as Senior Steward of University Heights Lodge this year. I was raised in 2006 but I have been exposed to Masonry nearly my entire adult life. My wife of 40 years, Jeanne, has been a member of Ellbrook Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star for nearly 30-years, serving as Worthy Matron, Treasurer, and in various other leadership positions. She also had the distinction of receiving a Grand Appointment in 2006. Her father was raised in Ellbrook Lodge in 1945 and her mother was also a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star.

My only regret is that I did not start my own Masonic journey much earlier. Since being raised, I have coached 6 candidates and attended numerous installations and inspections which I have found to be invaluable to my Masonic education. Traveling not only gives me the opportunity to learn how other Lodges operate, but also to meet and network with other Masons at all levels of the organization. I am also a member of the Valley of Cleveland, Heights Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and Ellbrook Chapter Order of Eastern Star.

My professional training is in Electrical Engineering Technology and I have been employed by Philips Medical Systems for over 30 years specializing in the design and development of Magnetic Resonance and Computed Tomography diagnostic systems. I currently work in Global Engineering Operations and manage a group concerned with process improvement and product lifecycle management.

When not working or pursuing knowledge in Masonry, I'm involved with snow skiing during the winter, and racing sailboats on Lake Erie in the summer. I served as Commodore of the Edgewater Yacht Club in 2000 and retired this spring as Director of Instruction at Brandywine Ski Resort.

On a personal note, Jeanie and I have one son, Matthew Douglas, who graduated from Baldwin Wallace College with a degree in Musical Theater. Matt is living in New York City and serving as the Managing Director of an off-Broadway Theater Company. He is engaged to be married in August to Abi, who is a principle dancer with the New York City Ballet. I am delighted to note that Matthew is in the process of joining the Fraternity.

I am truly grateful for all I have derived thus far from Freemasonry and look forward to further enlightenment as my Masonic journey continues.

Aarne Lillo

**Annual Memorial Day  
Parade And Picnic**

**May 26, 2008**

## **“ILLUSTRATED by SYMBOLS”**

Masonry is said to be "a beautiful system of morality, illustrated by symbols." While symbols play a prominent role in the Craft they are by no means restricted to it. Brethren who have a clear idea of how these devices work will find a deeper understanding of how Masonry operates and what it means.

A symbol is "something that stands for, represents, or denotes something else. Some symbols occur so frequently in daily life that we have stopped thinking of them as symbols. Most familiar are the letters of the alphabet. There is no clear reason why the shape S should stand for a hissing sound, but we all accept it as such. Other symbols in common use include the numerals, mathematical and monetary signs, musical notation, and scientific formulas. Such symbols are indispensable for almost any sort of communication. Without them the marvels of modern science could never have been achieved.

Another type of symbol is found in the arts, both graphic and verbal. It represents something which is abstract, or hard to visualize, in terms of something which can be perceived by our sense, above all by sight. In this way purity is symbolized by the color white, peace by the dove and olive-branch, poison by the skull and crossbones, Canada by the beaver or the maple leaf, Christianity by the cross, Judaism by the Star of David. Sometimes in the world of advertising, symbols are registered as "trademarks." The ancient messenger god Mercury, speeding through the air with winged hat and winged sandals, represents "Floral Telegraph Delivery."

In literature the symbol often occurs in combination with one of the traditional "figures of speech," simile, metaphor, or metonymy. Certain symbols might conceivably stand for a number of different things, and their precise application is derived from the immediate context. Thus, warmth, light, fire, and day regularly stand for "life."

A symbol's associations go far beyond its simple pictorial meaning. It can sometimes be used, not merely to facilitate thought, but even to shape it. For the Freemason, an ear of corn near a stream of water denotes plenty, the chisel represents perseverance, the Doric order of architecture is strength, and the sprig of acacia reminds us of immortality.

The symbols need not always be consistent, but can stand for different things. The twenty-four-inch gauge can represent the twenty-four-hour day, and also accuracy. The square stands for morality, but also for the Worshipful Master. In the Entered Apprentice Degree the darkness is the darkness of ignorance and in the Master Mason Degree, it is the darkness of death. Nor are all the symbols explained for us. If you have a flair for recognizing them, there is ample scope to indulge your talents. Every character, figure, and emblem has a moral tendency, and serves to inculcate the practice of virtue in all its genuine professors.

Roger C. Newberry, P.M.  
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